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Daniel S. Lamont, President-elect
Cleveland's former private secretary,
will probably be given a place
in the Cabinet.

The Park Lane murderers, Mar
guerite Dixblanc, has been released
by order of the home office
London, England.

2,000 square feet of roofing on
the World's Fair buildings went
down under an unusual weight of
snow.

Chicago now wants the job of
furnishing the music for the in-
augural ball, but Washingtonians
have put their foot down and say
that Chicago can't have everything.
The Marine Band will be given
the place of honor.

It is now believed that the ex-
treme cold weather has killed the
sawyer, the pest that has caused
such havoc with pine forests in
Virginia within the last year or
two, and that our pine timber will
from this on be free from the rav-
ages of this insect.

A german scientist has invented
a process by which first-class brust
can be made from saw dust.
The outlook for temperance is in-
deed dark when a man can take a
saw and an old fence rail and get
on a glorious drunk.—Wetzel Dem-
ocrat.

The Basic City Car Company
plant has been leased by the Amer-
ican Car Company for a period of
five years. As soon as some addi-
tional building can be done and
some new machinery be added the
works will be put in operation with
250 to 300 hands, having a capacity
of turning out from the crude ma-
terial five freight cars per day.
This is what may be considered a
substantial cornerstone in the foun-
dation of a new city.

Fitz Lee for U. S. Senate.

The man above all others who
should be chosen by the next Leg-
islature is General Fitzhugh Lee.
Virginia never had a more devoted
son or popular citizen. He was one
of the best Governors we ever
had. He has many of the qual-
ities of a Senator, and he has in
a greater degree than any candidate
who has been mentioned, a popular
national reputation, and that is a
most important consideration.
Fitz Lee, by reason of his national
reputation, would be able to do Vir-
ginia more good from the start
than any other man could expect
to do without many years of Sena-
torial service. With Daniel and
Lee, Virginia would have a brace
of Senators that would take the
lead over any other southern State.

Great interest has been awak-
ened at the capital by the application
to this Government for annexation by
the people of the Hawaiian Islands,
through the recently instituted pro-
visional government. The Com-
missioners sent by this provisional
government to negotiate terms of
annexation with the Government
of the United States reached this
city a few days ago, and several con-
ferences have taken place between
them and President Harrison and
the officials of the State Depart-
ment. The details and probable
result of these conferences have not
however, been made public as yet.
It is generally believed that Presi-
dent Harrison will shortly send to
Congress a message recommending
the annexation of the islands, but
it is by no means certain that such
action will be taken. Previous
similar efforts in connection with
Hawaii, made by preceding admin-
istrations, have uniformly failed of
accomplishment. The main ad-
vantage to be afforded this Govern-
ment through the annexation of
the islands as territorial posses-
sions would, it is felt, be the es-
tablishment along their coasts of
coaling stations and their further
importance as a strategic naval
point in case of foreign hostilities;
but there is much division of opin-
ion as to whether these considera-
tions are sufficient to warrant the
annexation of territory so far re-
moved from the seat of our gov-
ernment and peopled largely by a
most undesirable population.

Honduras Tied Up.

This little republic virtually sells
out to the Louisiana lottery. \$1-
0,000,000 in gold annually and a
percentage on each ticket sold,
commencing with 1 per cent and
increasing in proportion to the
growth of business to 3 per cent,
with a few minor privileges were
the inducements offered by John
A. Morris, who, in return has been
granted a charter conceding to him
the monopoly of the lottery busi-
ness in that republic for a term of
fifty years. The tickets of the lot-
tery are to be stamped with the of-
ficial seal of Honduras and the imi-
tation of them to constitute the
felony of counterfeiting the same
as if the national money were imi-
tated. Materials and necessities
of all kinds intended for the use of
the lottery are to come in free of
duty, while military service is not
to be enforced on any of the lot-
tery staff or its servants. The Is-
land of Guauaja is turned over to
the company as a base of operation
where, unmolested and unhamper-
ed with the government under
his thumb, Morris will again set the
mystic wheels going and, like a pi-
rate chief in his stronghold, prey
upon the nations around him. Two
years ago when Uncle Sam had
jumped on this monster swindle
with both feet and crushed it we
felt that we had for all timeshaken
off its demoralizing influences, but
it now seems that we are less for-
tunate than we had thought since
Honduras is included in the Postal
Union and all letters leaving that
country must go to their face di-
rection unhampered and the lottery
can flood the United States with
circulars in sealed envelopes with-
out interference.

Newspaper advertising is no
longer essential to the success of
the business and the company have
the names of several millions of
patrons of the wheel who can be
reached by mail under the regu-
lations of the Postal Union. They
can laugh at our laws restricting
the use of newspapers as a medium
for advertisements of that nature,
and will continue to covet the
spread eagle of the country under
whose laws and protection grew up
one of the most stupendous swin-
dles that has ever existed.

Senator Harris, of Tennessee,

says that Judge Jackson, of that
State, who has been nominated to
the vacancy on the Supreme Court,
although commonly classed as a
democrat, and appointed to his
present position on the Bench of
the Circuit Court by Cleveland, is
as good a republican as Harrison.
That there will be strong opposi-
tion from both sides of the Senate
to Jackson's confirmation is certain
but whether it will be strong
enough to defeat him is not yet ap-
parent. Some republicans will op-
pose him because he is classed as a
democrat, others because they had
served notice on Mr. Harrison that
they would oppose any nomination
he made to the vacancy. Most of
the democrats who oppose the con-
firmation do so on principle; they
believe the vacancy should have
been left for Cleveland to fill, but
there are others, who, while not
opposed to Judge Jackson person-
ally, will vote against his confir-
mation because to vote for him
would morally bind them to vote
for Harrison's nomination to the
vacancy which his confirmation
would leave in the Circuit Court,
and it is considered certain that a
republican would be nominated. It
is creditable to Judge Jackson that
not one word has been said by any-
body against his ability and per-
sonal fitness for the honor.

The Hawaiian commission hav-
ing presented the petition of the
government they represent for an-
nexation to the United States, to
Mr. Harrison, through the Sec. of
State are now waiting as patiently
as they may for an answer. In
spite of the mystery with which the
officials of the State Department
are trying to surround the matter
there would be little doubt of the
character of the answer were it not
so near the close of Harrison's
term. He unquestionably favors
annexation, but may, so long as it
can hardly be consummated under
his administration, conclude to
leave it for Cleveland and the dem-
ocratic Congress to arrange. That
is certainly what he should do.

After two weeks of suffering Mrs.
Wm. C. Whitney died of heart dis-
at 3 o'clock Sunday morning, at
her residence, No. 2, West Fifty-
seventh street, New York City.

Horror of Horrors.

Latter Days of the Ro- man Empire Dis- counted by

The Fearful Retribution

Visited Upon Henry Smith, the Negro
Ravisher and Murderer of Little
Myrtle Vance.

PARIS, TEX., Feb. 1.—Henry
Smith, the negro who ravished and
murdered Myrtle Vance, the 3-year
old daughter of Henry Vance of
this city last Thursday night, has
expiated his terrible crime.

His was perhaps the most horri-
ble death ever inflicted upon a hu-
man being. Those who witnessed
it will never forget the scene in all
its indescribable horrors. No lan-
guage can describe the fearful retri-
bution visited upon the monster
who committed a crime that has
no parallel in history.

Smith seemed indifferent about
his fate at first, but when told that
he must die by the most cruel
manner that human ingenuity
could devise, he weakened and be-
gged the officers to save him; but in
the hands of a mob of 20,000 en-
raged people the minions of the
law were powerless.

Smith was taken to a
wagon and placed in a chair on
top of a box and firmly lashed to
it. He was then driven to the
public square and around it and
through the principal streets and
then to an open field near the Tex-
as and Pacific depot. Here a scaf-
fold ten feet high had been erect-
ed. Around this there was a sur-
ging mass of humanity for nearly
100 yards in every direction.

A cold, drizzling rain was falling
that froze as it fell. The covering
shivering wretch, whose face was
a picture of agony and terror, was
taken from the wagon and forced up
the steps, where he was pinioned to
a stake.

His coat and shirt were torn off
him piece by piece and thrown
among the crowd, where they were
eagerly seized as relics.

When stripped to the waist Hen-
ry Vance, the father of Smith's
victim, his son and two uncles of
the child, gathered around him.

They then began to thrust red-
hot irons under his feet.

Every contortion of his body and
every groan that escaped his lips
brought forth shouts of approval
from the spectators. Vainly he
begged for mercy. Vainly he pro-
tested that he did not know that it
was Vance's child.

The red-hot irons burned deeper
into his flesh and he uttered terri-
ble cries. Cries that told of untold
suffering.

Finally the irons were rolled up
and down his stomach, back and
arms.

The crowd gazed on the terrible
scene with a horrible fascination,
as the slow process of torture pro-
ceeded.

The climax was reached when
the irons were thrust into his eyes,
burning the balls away.

Then they were thrust into his
throat and still he lived and suf-
fered and writhed.

When the relatives had glutted
their vengeance a great mass of
combustible material was placed
under the scaffold, oil was poured
over Smith, the platform and the
fuel and the match applied.

For a time he was enveloped in
a dense volume of smoke. As this
passed away and the flames shot
upward Smith was seen amid the
fire, swaying back and forth.

In a little while he became still
and all thought him dead. The
fire burned the ropes that bound
him and he fell upon the burning
platform.

Then he began to toss and roll
about as the flames rolled and
hissed around him.

It seemed impossible that any-
thing could have lived for a mo-
ment in what was almost a fur-
nace.

His pants were burned entirely
away and the flesh on his body
seemed cooked to a crisp and his
feet and hands were burned to a
coal.

After a lapse of ten minutes, to
the surprise of all, with a desperate
struggle he pulled himself up by
the railing of the burning scaf-
fold, stood up erect, passed his
hands over his face, and then jump-
ed off the scaffold and rolled out of
the fire below.

Men on the ground thrust him

into the burning mass. Again he
rolled out and was again thrust in
to roll out again.

A rope was tied around his neck
and he was dragged in and held un-
til life was extinct, and the pro-
cess of burning went on until his
body was literally cremated.

It was one of the most horrible
deaths ever suffered by a human be-
ing. Hundreds turned away in hor-
ror at the awful spectacle, while thou-
sands gazed on with evident satis-
faction and many with demonstra-
tions of delight.

People were here from every part
of this section. They came from
Dallas, Fort Worth, Sherman, Den-
ison, Bonham, Texarkana, Fort
Smith, Ark., and a party of fifteen
from Hempstead county, Arkansas
where he was captured.

Every train that came in was
logged to its utmost capacity, and
there were demands at many points
for special trains to bring people
here to see the unparalleled puni-
ishment of a fiend for an unpara-
lled crime.—Dallas Morning
News.

[This account of the lynching of
the negro, Henry Smith, was taken
from a paper sent to a private
party here by a friend who is in
business near the scene of the
tragedy, and is reliable in every re-
spect.—Ed.]

A Fatal Duel.

A desperate fight took place at
Fort Worth Texas, between an old
man named Hargraves and his two
sons on one side and Harvey Spears
assisted by a friend, on the other.
The meeting was by agreement,
and shooting commenced as soon
as the opposing parties came with-
in range. One of the Hargraves
boys was instantly killed at the
first fire and the old man, mortally
wounded. The latter then lent his
remaining son a revolver, with
which he advanced on his foes
through a shower of bullets and
killed them both. The old man
crawled to the two dead bodies, fired
several shots into them for luck,
and died with a genial smile on
his face.

Study of Geography.

The National Geographic Socie-
ty has instituted a system of certifi-
cates and medals for annual award
in each State to such graduating
pupil of a public school as shall
write the best original geographic
essay on a subject to be selected by
a committee of the society.

The subject given will pertain
strictly to the North American con-
tinent, must be comprehensive in
scope and limited in length so as to
afford originality of its treatment.
The gold medal lately adopted by
the society will be awarded to the
best essayist while the second best
will receive a certificate of honora-
ble mention. The successful com-
petitor of each State will receive
from the society a certificate of ef-
ficiency in geographic science.

Schools intending to compete must
notify the Society before June 1st,
1893. All competing essays must
be written without the use of notes
or text-books, must not exceed
2,500 words and must be prepared
under the supervision of a teacher
who must certify that the essay has
been composed by the pupil with-
out aid from another person. It is
desired that superintendents of
public schools in each State shall
select by such methods as he deems
advisable the three best essays, and
from the collection of such the
committee will select the best es-
say for each State and for the Unit-
ed States. One of the most impor-
tant aims of the National Geo-
graphic Society is to stimulate and
make more practical and thorough
the study of geography, particu-
larly with reference to America. The
society asks the co-operation of all
educational workers in making its
labors more efficient and general.
The society is a working one, and
in its efforts to exercise an educa-
tional influence over the whole
of the United States, feels justified
in asking support from public spir-
ited citizens. Its members num-
ber 600 persons with representatives
in every State and territory.

A miner in a Wyoming coal
mine was boring down coal in his
chamber when the light from his
lamp fell on something imbedded
in the coal, which, on closer exam-
ination, proved to be a frog. With
his pick he carefully removed it
when it at once showed evident
signs of life and in a short while
was quite as lively as any of the
modern denizens of the pond.

Geologists admit that cases of
like nature may and do exist, but

they are so very rare that the dis-
covery of a live animal which is
thousands and thousands of years
old and which has been entombed,
with no communication with air,
water or food for ages, is quite an
event.

CRABBOTTOM.

With the change of the weather
there came a decided change in our
county paper; and I venture to say
that both were greatly appreciated
by the farmers.

Feed is very scarce in this section
and some of our farmers have com-
menced to browse their stock.

Mr. Harper, of Davis, recently
purchased a very fine lot of 3 year
old heifers from Jacob Hevener, of
Hightown.

We still hear that sweet small
voice of railroad news coming to
our ears from below, and when Mr
Bever, the artist, moved his car in-
to town last week, we all imagin-
ed that the cars were coming sure
enough.

Last Saturday was court day in
town, but the cases were continued
till next Saturday when Justice
Stover expects to dispose of them.

Auctioneer Swecker sold twenty
two head of sheep belonging to the
Calvin Barclay estate last Saturday.
Come to town ladies, and have
your picture taken.

Messrs. James N. and F. K.
Newman and Wm. Bland arrived
here late Saturday evening from
Clifton Forge, where they have
been at work for a year or more.
We are glad to have them with us
once more, if only for a short time.

Don't be frightened, patrons, if
Jonas was swallowed by the whale.

M. A. Colaw prefers knowledge
to wisdom, especially when the lat-
ter is only in a painful wisdom
tooth.

Dr. Campbell is with us again.
Girls, be brave, come out from your
hiding places.

Madam Rumor says look out for
the weddings next week.

The writer has about closed a
bargain with a trust company in
the bottom to write up the true
status, or present history, of Crab-
bottom under the reign of "Count
Cider." If the "devil" isn't loose
this week, we will report cause in
next issue. BLUE BONNET.

About two months ago a young
man giving his name as Geo. W.
McAdams came to St. Joseph, Mo.,
and in as many weeks has manag-
ed to marry five young women.

His victims are all girls who had a
little money, which McAdams
would borrow after the marriage
had been performed, on pretence
of going to some town to start in
business. Each marriage was per-
formed under a different name and
was only found out when the Prob-
ate Judge received a letter from a
sixth wife at Kittanning, Pa.,
asking for information concerning
him. McAdams fled taking with
him the money received from his
dupes.

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